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FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Jenny Gierveld (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Reporting requirements to the Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/206 of 23 December 1995 and 51/211 of 18 December 1996 on the control and limitation of documents and the need for documents to be available in a timely manner in all official languages,

Recalling decision 1995/1 of the Commission on Population and Development,

Having discussed the format and modalities for the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the implementation of the Programme of Action, as requested in annex I to the report of the Commission at its twenty-eighth session,[1]

1. Requests the Secretariat, in view of the decision to streamline reporting, to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on a new document structure and periodicity and revised reporting methodologies for ensuring coverage of currently required reporting;

[1] Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27).

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2. Notes that the very broad special theme for 1999 and the need for quinquennial review in the same year will require careful and thorough planning to avoid excess documentation, and thus decides that the Secretariat should provide specific and detailed proposals on how to handle this issue for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-first session;

3. Requests that the material normally included in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to be presented to the Commission at its thirty-first session, should be fully integrated into the reports on world population monitoring on the monitoring of population programmes;

4. Reiterates its request, in annex I,[1] for a revised report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in reproductive health, to be presented to the Commission at its thirty-first session;

5. Decides that the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes:

(a) Should be more analytic in focus and relate progress more specifically to the goals and influence of the International Conference on Population and Development;

(b) Must cover experience in all countries, place a high priority on achieving a better response rate, and use innovative and collaborative approaches;

(c) Needs to ensure coverage of the range of activities in the special theme for the year;

6. Welcomes the initiative to improve the reporting on financial flows through collaboration with the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, and encourages exploration of opportunities to improve coverage and quality of other reports through similar collaborative ventures, for example, in monitoring non-governmental organizations;

7. Requests that the Report of the ACC Task Force on Basic Social Services for All give greater emphasis to outcomes, system-wide achievements and progress.

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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Jenny Gierveld (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations

Work programme in the field of population

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 51/176 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and 51/219 of 18 December 1996, section I on programme planning, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/2 of 17 July 1996 on follow-up to the Conference and Commission resolution 1996/1 on the work programme in the field of population,

Taking note of the report of the Inter-sessional Meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (Brussels, 28 and 29 June 1996), which was convened pursuant to Commission resolution 1996/1 to review the work programme of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat,

Taking note of the progress made on the 1996-1997 work programme and of the serious financial situation of the United Nations Organization,

1. Stresses, in the context of the reform of the United Nations system and the restructuring and revitalization of the intergovernmental process, the importance of continuing the basic work of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat on the crucial underpinnings of population estimates and projections; basic population trends and issues, including fertility, mortality, migration, and patterns of rural and urban population change; the evolution of population policies; and understanding links between population and development;

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2. Emphasizes the importance of the Population Division's role as secretariat to the Commission on Population and Development as an essential part of the Division's work programme, and requests the Population Division to continue to give such servicing high priority in undertaking its activities;

3. Takes note of the proposed 1998-1999 work programme, as presented in document E/CN.9/1997/CRP.1;

4. Requests the Population Division, in collaboration with other relevant actors, to build an improved assessment and analysis of international migration as well as an improved understanding of international migration and development;

5. Emphasizes the value of the POPIN system to the international community, and encourages its further development and effective utilization;

6. Emphasizes the importance of preparations being made by the Population Division, in collaboration with the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies, for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, to be conducted by the Commission in 1999;

7. Underlines the need to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and capacity of the Population Division in order to successfully implement the above-mentioned preparations.